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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman—HON. W. KESWICK. E. R. BRILLIUS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.

#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

##### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 12 " " 5 " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,800,000. RESERVE FUND, 215,000.

#### BANKERS.

##### THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

##### THE CITY BANK.

##### THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

##### On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

### GEORGE PHILIP DARK (DECEASED).

CLAIMS against the above Estate should be sent in to the Underigned before the 15th of March.

H. F. HANCE, Acting Counsel. Clifton, Feb 25, 1879.

## For Sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED.

#### FOR SALE.

RODGERS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

WATERLOO and De La Rue's STATIONERY.

DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE.

GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.

CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.

SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS; (Latest Admiralty Regulation).

TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.

ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

COPPER WIRE GAUZE.

SPIRIT LEVELS.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.

INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DE-LIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.

LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,

INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.

EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,

by First-class Composers,

OPERAS, Musical Instruction Books, &c.

A Fine Selection of

SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. K."

BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANDS.

(A fine full flavoured

Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN.

LIQUEURS.

ALCOHOLS.

&c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

Superior to All Similar Preparations.

VOGEL & Co.,

Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

## Auctions.

### LAND AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction,

ON

SATURDAY,

the 22nd March, at Noon,—

INLAND LOT, No. 173, measuring

about 57½ Feet by 47 Feet, and having

frontages on Wellington, Graham, and

Gutzlaff Streets.

There is Room to erect Four Chinese

Houses.

The Crown Rent is \$44.51.

The central position of this Lot makes it a most desirable investment.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the

Purchase Money on the fall of the

hammer, the remainder on completion

of the Transfer. Expenses of Transfer

to be borne by the Purchaser.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879. m122

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879.

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURIOER and ADETS' CLARETS. COUVOISIER'S BRANDY.

CHUBBS' SAFES.

WHITBREAD'S STOUT.

VAN HONOR'S GIN.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

SILVER LIGHT LAMPS.

French JAMS, Confiture de St. James.

STARKEY'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' DECORATIONS.

BAXTER'S CANVAS.

KORNTAMER'S CHAMPAGNE.

W. T. ALLEN & Co.'s ORNAMENTAL IRON WORK.

GILBEY & SONS' WINES.

BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE.

LETTIS' DIARIES.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

TEACHER'S WHISKY.

CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

THE NEW LIFE JACKET.

LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVERLAND MAIL, and THE HOME

NEWS.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

#### COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT.

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

#### SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

#### FORWARDING AGENCY.

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail. Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

## EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

### THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of Kwong-Su (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,948,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG and SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

## PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby

invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the Issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.

90

15 days after allotment.

100

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

Principal. Interest. Total.  
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....162,500.00...69,325.81...231,825.81  
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....162,500.00...69,325.70...231,825.70  
3rd " 23rd September, 1880.....162,500.00...66,717.69...229,217.69  
4th " 19th March, 1881.....162,500.00...64,413.43...226,913.43  
5th " 12th September, 1881.....162,500.00...64,413.43...226,913.43  
6th " 8th March, 1882.....162,500.00...67,805.33...230,305.33  
7th " 1st September, 1882.....162,500.00...61,501.15...224,001.15  
8th " 25th February, 1883.....162,500.00...61,501.15...224,001.15  
9th " 21st August, 1883.....162,500.00...61,501.15...224,001.15  
10th " 14th February, 1884.....162,500.00...61,501.15...224,001.15  
11th " 9th August, 1884.....162,500.00...61,501.15...224,001.15

Shanghai Taels.....1,787,000.00 415,557.86 2,202,557.86

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the office of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the Eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents

Intimate via Local,

(Signed)

T. JACKSON,

Hongkong, 6th March, 1879.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 12th March, 1879.

MEMBERS are informed that GUN DRILL PARADES will take place at the NORTH BARRACKS every MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 5.30 P.M.

"A" BATTERY on MONDAY.

"B" BATTERY on THURSDAY.

The Order is optional for Members of both Batteries.

Those who have not commenced GUN DRILL and RECRUITS are required to attend both days.

There will be no Parade on Tuesdays until further orders.

A. COXON,

Captain-Commandant H. K. A. V.

### G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS.

AND

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. m20

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Sgd.) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879. m15

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held to-day.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879. m24

## Shipping.

### Steamers.



## Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH BARQUE GOLDEN FLEECER,  
FROM CAPE TOWN.

THE above-named Vessel having brought forward the whole of the unsold portion of the Cargo of the British Barque *Robert Henderson*, from London to Hongkong.—All Consignees of the *Robert Henderson's* Cargo are hereby informed that a General Average Bond, which requires their Signature is now lying at our Office.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1879. mal9

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hindustan*, Captain T. S. GARDNER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1879. mal7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## S. S. AMAZONE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 7th instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. ap1

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS  
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision, and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my29

## DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WILLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DE EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

China Mail Office.

## To Let.

TO LET.  
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.—East—GROUND FLOOR, consisting of OFFICES, CONRADORE'S QUARTERS, and Godowns.  
West—A RESIDENCE, with Business Accommodation, complete.  
Gas and Water laid on.  
Each of these Premises can be Let in whole or in apartments.

Apply to  
E. R. BELLIOS.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1879. ap1

## TO LET.

GREEN MOUNT,  
Possession on or before 15th May.  
Apply to  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

OFFICES on the FIRST FLOOR, No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Apply to  
J. NOBLE,  
No. 8, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1879. ap13

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East—

FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East.

As also,  
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

Apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO BE LET.

On Shamoen—Canton.

THE SPACIOUS PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., comprising: DWELLING HOUSE, with GODOWNS, TEA and SILK ROOMS attached.

For Particulars, apply to  
EDWARD DAVIS,  
Canton.

Canton, March 12, 1879. ap12

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 56, Praya Central.

Apply to  
WO HANG,  
Nos. 5 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.  
58-inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGER" BICYCLE, quite new.

PATENT BEARINGS.  
PATENT SADDLE.  
DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRA.

Will be sold under Invoice Price, or near leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co.,  
Where Machines can be seen.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, Part I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EYRE, Ph.D., Tubingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, OBAYFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.  
The Steamship  
"DIAMANTER,"  
Capt. THORNTON, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1879. mal7

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.  
The Steamship  
"KWANGTUNG,"  
Capt. PUNHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1879. mal8

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI, & TAIWANFOO.  
The Steamship  
"ALBANY,"  
Capt. F. ASHROX, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1879. mal8

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gleniffer* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—except the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Underigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Bosta delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1879. mal21

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Heje.—Molchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque, Capt. Eleveight.—Captain.

LABROS, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Edward Schellhass & Co.

NEMEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford.—Meyer & Co.

CRAGIE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. I. Winter.—Butterfield & Swire.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Kroncke.—Wieler & Co.

GOLDEN FLEECER, British barque, Capt. James Willshire.—Gilman & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 14, *Gleniffer*, British steamer, 1411, D. Graham, London Jan. 19, via ports of call, and Singapore March 6, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

March 14, *Maharajah*, British steamer, 994, Clark, Saigon March 8, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 14, *Sarpedon*, British steamer, 1691, John Kea, Liverpool Jan. 21, via ports of call, and Singapore March 6, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 14, *Matchless*, for San Francisco.

14, *Thynvalle*, for Saigon.

14, *Yano*, for Coast Ports.

14, *Yangtze*, for Canton.

14, *Amoy*, for Shanghai.

## CLEARED.

*Christina A.P.*, for Callao.

*Beethoven*, for Bangkok.

*Morning Star*, for Bangkok.

*Pennith*, for Saigon.

*Alden Bess*, for Portland (Oregon).

*Jas. Shepherd*, for Cebu.

*Friedrich*, for Whampoa.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Gleniffer*, from London, &c., Messrs Robert O. Huxley, and T. W. Wright, and 123 Chinese.

Per *Sarpedon*, from Liverpool, &c., Mrs. Williams, Mr. Rose, and Mrs. Molochlan, and 262 Chinese.

Per *Maharajah*, from Saigon, 3 Europeans, and 18 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Yano*, for Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dunn.

Per *Amoy*, for Shanghai, Col. Glover, and Hon. Mr. Kewick.

Per *Thynvalle*, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

## To Depart.

Per *Gleniffer* for Shanghai (for Southampton); Mr. H. H. Joseph; for Gallo, Mr. Nicholson; for Bombay, Mr. R. O. Mody.

From Yokohama: for Singapore, Inspector Bateman; Mr. John Blundell, and 2 natives.

From Hongkong: for Southampton, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, 2 children, 3 infants, and native female servant, Messrs R. Leslie and R. Bennett.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Maharajah* reports: Fine weather until Thursday the 13th at 4 p.m.; then very thick weather, had to let go anchor outside all night.

The British steamer *Gleniffer* reports: very fair weather throughout.

## CARGO.

Per *Gleniffer*, for London, 861 half-chests Tea, 496 boxes Silk, 40 cases Silk Piece Goods, 100 boxes Waste Silk, and 493 pigs. Sundries. For Continent, 193 boxes Silk, 18 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 40 pigs. Sundries. For New York, 50 boxes Silk.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will be closed:—

For SHANGHAI AND YOKOHAMA.—Per *Gleniffer*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.—Per *Diamante*, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 17th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—Per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 17th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—Per *Albany*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.—Per *Venice* and *Hindustan*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *Pernambuco*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—The British Contract Packet *Geelong*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *Belgic*, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. mal17

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT PACKET.—The Australian Contract Packet *Menmuir*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., with Mails for Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppal Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gallé.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal18

MAILS BY THE FRANCE PACKET.—The French Contract Packet *Djinnah* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure, 5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, 7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

## Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE, AT HONGKONG.

When Name. From.

Aug. 9, *Uralia*, Penarth.

Oct. 16, *Jacoline*, Liverpool.

19, *Robine*, Cardiff.

19, *Hermann*, Bremen.

Nov. 9, *Jan Peter*, Maandla.

21, *Filda*, Hamburg.

29, *Rosaire*, Cardiff.

Dec. 19, *Blenheim*, Flushing.

21, *Kong See (s.)*, London.

23, *Glamis Castle*, Cardiff.

Jan. 10, *City of Santiago (s.)*, New York.

11, *Scutland (s.)*, London.

27, *Deuallan (s.)*, Liverpool.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Glenallooh. Lord of the Isles.

Merloethethire. Galley of Lotus.

Ajaia.

Sailing Perpetual.

Carricks. Agnes Muir.

At Glasgow.

Glenore (s.) via London, Bremen, &c. (s.)

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, March 16:—

Daylight.—*Gleniffer* leaves for Shanghai, &c.

MONDAY, March 17:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

4 p.m.—*Diamante* leaves for Manila.

TUESDAY, March 18:—

Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—*Albany* leaves for Amoy, &c.

Noon.—*Memuir* leaves for Singapore, &c.

3 p.m.—*Venice* and *Hindustan* leave for Singapore, &c.



It is just possible that the Police authorities are not apprised of the unusual raid that is at present being carried on against the door-handles, bell-pulls, and other pieces of furniture generally found outside of foreign houses. About a dozen or more of such complaints have reached us during the last few days, and it is difficult to understand where a market can be found for the products of such miserable thefts. If the Police could only catch one or two of these contemptible pilferers, a sound lesson might be afforded them.

A CORRESPONDENT in the *Courier* contradicts the statement lately made by the *N. O. D. News* regarding the proposed Cotton mill, thus:—"Some one has been hoaxing the editor of the *N. O. Daily News* about the Cotton Co.'s affairs. I happen to know that the site and premises of the factory have all been settled, and a large sum of money paid on account of machinery required, so that matters are not so desperate; nor are the promoters troubled about any article, however deprecatory, appearing in either the *N. O. Daily News* or the Chinese papers."

The Shanghai *Courier* understands that a private despatch has been received in Shanghai, announcing that the investigations of the Committee at Wai gon in regard to the affairs of the United States Consulate here, have resulted in the vindication of Mr. Seward.

The same paper says it is stated that, as soon as General Krijanovsky succeeds General Kaufmann in the Governorship of Turkistan, Central Asia will be thrown open by the Russian authorities to Europeans, and the present prohibition against Englishmen passing beyond Orenburg will be removed.

The public notices of the new Silver Loan have served as a "red rag" to Mr. Livingston of Shanghai, who it seems asserted in his last commercial publication that the translations of the documents had not been certified by any one. The *Courier* contains a letter from Messrs E. Major and W. D. Spence which flatly contradicts Mr. Livingston's assertion, the certificate having been given, after careful comparison of the translation, by the two gentlemen named. A statement also appears, on authority in the same paper, to the effect that the translations referred to by Mr. Livingston were the very copies certified to by Messrs Major and Spence. On this occasion Mr. Livingston has evidently scored a rather bad ribcage.

The *Overland China Mail*, for to-morrow's English Mail (12 pp.), contains:—

Editorial Articles.—Sir Thomas Wade, K.C.B., The Chamber of Commerce and Trade Routes, The Multiplicity of Mr. Hennessey's Schemes, Municipal Matters in Shanghai and Hongkong, Statistics of Crime, The Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Depression of Trade, The River Steamers, and Current Topics.

General Articles.—Chinese Notes, Hongkong Civilian Amateur Athletic Sports, Report on the Police Force and Crime, Another Seizure at Manila, On the Wu-shih-shan Affair, Lights on the Japanese Coast, Meetings, Amoy Reading Room for Chinese, The Chinese Insurance Company Limited, Coroner's Inquest, Manila, Loss of the *Taiwan*, The Steamboat Race to Tientsin, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Supreme Court, Police Intelligence, The Improperity of Denying the Chinese People, Chinese British Subjects, Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—in Liquidation, Spirit of the Native Press, Macao, Canton, Commercial Summary, Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Shipping Intelligence.

Hagen & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 8th March, 1879:—

Arrivals During the Week.—March 1, Winlow, from Amoy; 1, Hermann, from Amoy; 1, Douglas, from Hongkong; 2, Tah Yew, from Shanghai; 2, Vale of Nith, from Shanghai; 6, Europe, from Shanghai; 6, Kwangtung, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—March 4, Douglas, for Hongkong; 5, Hermann, for Newchwang; 6, Tah Yew, for Shanghai.

Shipping in Port.—Ling Peng, Shell-drake, Anton Gunther, Willie, Winlow, Hermann, Vale of Nith, Europe, Kwang Tung.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

14th March, 1879.

#### LARCENIES.

U Aha, a coolie, was convicted of stealing home fish value for about 100 cash, from a boat on the beach at Yow-ma-ti, early on the morning of the 12th instant. When arrested, prisoner was found to have had a knife in his possession, which he threw away. He was identified as having been convicted in 1876 of having possession of burglarious implements. His Worship sentenced him on this occasion to six months' imprisonment, the first and last 14 days of which to be in solitary confinement and the rest with hard labour, and further on the day previous to his release from Gaol to be exposed publicly for six hours in the stocks.

Cheng Anan, a coolie, was sent to two months' hard labour for stealing 63. Prisoner was on a visit to a friend, and taking advantage of his friend's absence in the kitchen to make tea for him, took the money which he found on the table.

Tem Atan, another coolie, a fellow-lodger of one Teeng Achong, a gardener, thought proper to relieve his friend of five pieces of clothing during his friend's

temporary absence from the house. The prisoner admitted taking two of the pieces of clothing only. His Worship sentenced him to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### THE NOTED WONG ASAC.

This man was charged with returning from banishment, which offence he admitted. His Worship said that he could have dealt with the prisoner himself and given him 12 months' hard labour, but as he thought there was some mistake in the Banishment Warrant, he would rather send the case to the Superior Court. The prisoner was accordingly committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

BRIDGE OF THE "OPTIM ORDINANCE." Wong Aho, a widow, residing in house No. 60 Third Street was summoned upon the complaint of Kung Ato, an Excise Officer, for retailing prepared opium without a license. Sergeant Perry proved the execution of a search warrant. He found in the defendant's house only two baskets of opium dross, and certain utensils which had recently contained prepared opium, as also some opium smoking apparatus. The defendant in her defence said that the Excise Officer went to her house on the 10th instant and asked for the loan of an opium pipe with which he smoked opium in her house, and that a man who came with the Excise Officer began to break her box; she remonstrated with him, upon which a quarrel ensued. She denied all knowledge of the baskets of opium dross. The defendant could not bring evidence to support her defence. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$50 or one month's imprisonment. The defendant was unable to pay the fine and was committed to Gaol.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

The other cases before His Worship were of a trivial nature and consisted chiefly of summonses issued at the instance of the Inspectors of Nuisances for obstruction of Roadway &c.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

March 13, 1879.

SIR,—Who was St. Patrick? I was asked to-day by one of my friends, and from a peculiar intonation of voice, I may be allowed to say that I have a very strong suspicion that he hails from the Emerald Isle, and as I don't, I thought his question rather strange. Sure, says I, you know that very simple and elementary Biographical question; and if you don't, you sapling, you deserve to be sent back to school again. I told him, however, that "St. Patrick was a gentleman, (a Scotchman),

Who came of decent people,  
He built a church in Dublin town  
And on it put a steeple;  
His father was a Gallagher,  
His mother was a Brady,  
His aunt was an O'Shanghnessy,  
His uncle an O'Grady."

The above quotation I gave from memory, and therefore may not be quite correct.

I then referred to the Peerage Burke's (not Edmund's), and could find nothing bearing on the subject.

I found subsequently that there was a good deal of evidence in favour of him being a native of Scotland, having been born in a small village on the banks of the Clyde. I am glad that Scotland gave such a reformer to Ireland.

But Mr. Editor, can you enlighten me on the following: Whether is it the birth or death of St. Patrick which I am invited to celebrate at the Reception to be held at Government House on Monday next? Had St. George or St. Andrew been in the question, I might have been more clear on the subject.

Yours,  
WHO'S WHO.

#### China.

##### AMOI.

It seems that when the German corvette *Fregate* came into port on the 17th Dec. last, she slightly touched a fishing boat, which was anchored in the fair way and had no one on deck, all hands being below asleep, tore some nets, and broke one of the floating spars to which the nets are attached. The fisher sued the Commander for exorbitant damages in the Consulate, but ultimately accepted a spar and a coil of rope, as advised by the Chinese official who inspected the damaged articles.

We learn that the Chinese authorities were in consequence of this occurrence, asked to issue orders to the fishermen forbidding them to lay their nets or anchor in the fair way of steamers, and ordering them to exhibit flags or other marks, wherever else they might place their fishing stakes and boats, so that the fishermen would plainly understand, that no claims for damages by collisions would be allowed unless these precautions had been adopted by them.

A proclamation containing the rules asked for was issued on the 8th day of the 12th moon (81st December), but as the captains reporting themselves at the Consulate had never seen any of those signals nor had found the fair way less obstructed than formerly, the authorities have again been communicated with, and have promised that the owners of fish-shops shall be instructed to explain to the fishermen with whom they have dealings, what is required of them, and fresh proclamations on the subject will be posted.

Captains could greatly assist the efforts made to remove this obstruction to shipping, if they reported each case of non-compliance with the above regulations, that comes to their notice, to their respective Consulates.—*Gazette*.

##### FOOCHOW.

(Herald, March 6th.)

The Chinese Revenue Cruiser *Ling Feng* is at present undergoing extensive repairs, under the superintendence of the Foochow Dock Company.

Mr. Tong-King-Sing, the managing director of the China Merchant's Steam Navigation Company, who lately arrived here from Shanghai on an official visit, left per Tah Yew yesterday.

H. E. Ling Jih-chang, the Imperial Commissioner charged with the settlement of the Wu-shih-shan case, is we regret to hear suddenly indisposed. He was, we understand, visited by Doctor Stewart on Tuesday last.

A fire occurred last evening in the block of Chinese houses on the Customs Road,

near Livingstone Terrace. Fortunately, there was a good supply of water at hand, and the flames were extinguished before any material damage had been done.

The English Church Mission will, we hear, be served with notice of action in the Wu-shih-shan case to-morrow. The defendants are, we believe, entitled to an interval of twenty-four days between the date of serving notice and the hearing of the cause.

The feng-shui-ites are, we understand, about to publish another pamphlet against the Wu-shih-shan outrage. We at least hope it will be more truthful than their former production. But in any case, statements emanating from this respectable coterie of incendiaries should be properly weighed and sifted. It is well-known that the official income of the Chinese public publications which they fondly believe will enable them to create an unbounded public opinion (favourable to their nefarious designs) amongst foreigners, and in this way defeat the ends of justice. In fact, they desire to influence the foreign mercantile mind against missionaries; and then—after they have established a precedent case,—will come the deluge.

#### NINGPO.

March 6th.

Last night an entertainment consisting of a lecture on "English Vocal Music," illustrated with songs, was given in the general office of the Customs House, by Octavius Johnson, Esq., of H.B.M.'s Consular Service. He was supported by two talented ladies who have before rendered excellent service. As Mr. Johnson had a great deal of singing to do, Mr. Edmund Wheatley was requested to read the lecture for him. After a lively introductory speech Mr. Wheatley commenced the essay, which began by showing that there is a great love of music amongst the English people, although many deny that this is the case. Music, as now understood, may be said only to have come into existence in the 15th century, when it first appeared in Italy. The music of the Continental composers being written for the Roman Church, was, on this account, too florid to suit the simpler tastes of the Protestants. Our early secular music consists mostly of ballads, of which "The Friar of Orders Grey" was given as a sample. As a specimen of purely pastoral music, "Come, lasses and lads" was most admirably given by a lady amateur, followed by the sentimental songs, "Once I loved a maiden fair" and "Drink to me only with thine eyes" and "Heart of Oak," "Jolly Young Waterman," and the "British Grenadiers," having been selected as types of the naval and military songs of England, were rendered in a spirited and highly effective manner. After instituting a short comparison between the old and modern schools of English vocal music, came Arthur Sullivan's lullaby "Birds in the Night," while the "Mule-herd's Song," from the "Rose of Castile," which was encored, brought the entertainment to a close. Great praise was due to the accomplished lady whose excellent accompaniments contributed so much to the success of the evening. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies and gentlemen who had furnished such an intellectual treat to our Ningpo community.—*Courier*.

#### Japan.

(Gazette.)

Yesterday, the 3rd instant, the Japanese corvette *Tanaka Kwan*, left Shinagawa for Singapore.

The Japanese war vessel *Nishin Kwan* is expected to leave Yokohama for Singapore on or about the 10th instant.

A survey between Takasaki of Gumbia Ken and Tokio has been commenced for the purpose of constructing a railway. The expenses are estimated at 490,000 yen. Rumour says that this cost will be defrayed out of the National Loan.

H. E. Takasaki, Governor of Okayama Ken, established an earthenware manufactory in the 7th year of Meiji (1876) for the purpose of employing the Shizoku of that Ken. The business has been more successful than was expected, owing to the skill of the officers in charge and of the manufacturers. Some of the earthenware manufactured in that establishment was sent to the Paris Exhibition, where some pieces which originally cost seventeen yen were sold for fifty yen. Thus great credit having been gained among foreigners for this ware, now many orders are sent by foreign residents at Kobe and Yokohama and the establishment is now working to greater advantage than ever.

A raid on a Chinese gambling house was made a few nights ago, resulting in the capture of seventy-one persons. From what we can learn it appears the Japanese detective force received information that a large meeting of gamblers was to take place on a certain night; and a large force of constables was stationed at the various approaches to the house. Ten detectives contrived to gain admission into the room, where about two hundred persons were assembled. The detectives' presence soon became known, and a precipitate retreat of the gamblers was the result. As they rushed out of the house they fell into the hands of the constables. Seventy-one were arrested in this way. As a constable was leaving the house a large basket was in his way; he gave it a kick, knocked it over, and up jumped a Chinaman, who was quickly secured.

The blow on Saturday night and Sunday morning was, we believe, the strongest ever experienced at this time of the year in Kobe. The damage done was fortunately not great, being confined for the most part to injury to fences and plaster-work. The Protestant Church probably suffered the most, the injuries to the roof being so serious that the building was rendered unserviceable. The usual Sunday services were conducted in the Municipal Hall, the piano belonging to the Choral Society being called into requisition, in place of the harmonium.

We have no damage to report in the harbour, but hear that a vessel was for some time in jeopardy from the force of the wind, although fairly well ballasted. The crew were standing by we are told ready to cut away the masts if necessary, but fortunately the occasion did not arise, and the ship suffered no damage. Even as we write, the weather is far from settled, and we seem to have got the equinoctial gales considerably in advance this year.—*Hong Kong News*.

(Mail, May 1.)

The preparation of black tea is being steadily developed in Osaka, where the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has a manufactory already extensive, but which requires ad-

ditions. The number of persons there making themselves acquainted with the details of the work is said to be daily increasing. A large quantity (three quarters of a million) is reported by the *Osaka Asahi* to have been received in Kobe from various districts during the month of January, the above-mentioned company contributing seventy per cent. of the whole.

During Saturday night last and part of Sunday this port was visited by a severe gale from the North-west. At the height of the blow, which occurred about noon, some danger to the shipping was apprehended. The men of war had prepared for this. Most of them struck topgallant-masts and yards, and they and the merchant steamers had steam up. No casualty occurred in harbour, however, with the exception of a trifling damage sustained by the little schooner *Tori*, which dragging her anchors was brought for a time into partial collision with the English *Hatoba*. A few palms were blown down in the Settlement and on the bluff, where also the roofs of some houses, and a few verandahs suffered. The top of one verandah in a very exposed spot was torn off, and carried by the wind across and over the roof, dislodging in its course a number of the tiles. At sunset the storm had subsided to a light breeze.

Japanese newspapers report an outrage committed upon Mr. Sutton, R.N., in the employ of the Kaigunsho. While he was lying ill in bed his house was broken into upon two occasions by a man masked and armed. As the intruder was disturbed he made away without stealing anything or doing any injury. A guard has been set over the house to prevent the repetition of such an insult.

In the case J. Ph. Von Hemert vs. John Grigor, the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of \$10,514.60, that is the amount claimed less \$742.60 for 3 per cent. commission, and \$557.00 anticipated legal expenses, without taking into consideration the value of the 18 bonds held by the defendant, worth \$37.50 each, total \$1,375.

The *Sumanoura Maru* having encountered heavy weather, probably last Sunday's gale, was dismasted and disabled. The *Tokio Maru*, which left here last Wednesday, fell in with her and brought her safely into Oshima, to which port the *Niyata Maru* has been sent from Kobe for the purpose of towing her to Yokohama.

H. E. Kawamura and Mr. Reed, M.P., arrived in Kobe, on their return from the south, on the 16th ultimo. They proceeded to Osaka on the afternoon of the same day and were entertained in a building provided for the purpose in the grounds of the Mint. The next two days were devoted to showing Mr. Reed the House of Osaka.

The Chinese Minister resident in Japan, was lately presented by the Emperor of China with an annual pension, for life, of 6,000 *kuan* (or 260 *keku*) of rice, in reward for his meritorious services (?)

It is said that the men-of-war *Hyiei-Kwan* and *Hongo-Kwan* are now making preparations for a voyage to Loohoo. It is rumoured that this is for the purpose of protecting the Japanese on the Islands, until the ultimate reply from the *Hani*, to the message recently delivered to him by Matsuda Michiyuki, is received. It is also reported that half a regiment of the garrison troops, now stationed in Kagoshima, will proceed in the *Hyiei*.

Kurushima, a nobleman, aged 25, residing at Shin-machi, Shiba, Tokio, was murdered on the night of 23rd ultimo, at his residence by one Bunnosuke, a former servant of his. The murderer afterwards killed the nobleman's mistress and wounded some three persons. Thinking that he had done about enough mischief for one night he then shot himself in the throat and died on the spot.

George Thompson, who wounded Ensign Uyemura at the Horse races on the occasion of the celebration at the Shokokuji Temple, on the 27th January, has been sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment by the British Consul, at Tokio.

The Aikokusha (Patriotic Society) of Osaka, it is said, contemplate starting a newspaper shortly, and parties have arrived in Tokio to purchase the necessary plant. A special meeting of the Society will be held about the middle of March. Agencies will be opened in fourteen different *ken*s. The number of members now on the roll of the society is said to be 13,700.

A letter recently received from Kyoto says, that a building in the temple ground of Ken-nin-ji has been elegantly fitted up for the accommodation of Mr. Reed and his son.

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* has issued the first number of a monthly market review for the use of merchants. It is called the *Soda Kikai Gassetsu*.

From the returns of the Telegraph Department, we learn that from July 1877 to June 1878, there were despatched over the wires 1,045,442 messages in all, for which was received \$343,017.44.

The following has been extracted from the report of the Customs Bureau of the Finance Department, giving the total Imports and Exports, at all the open ports from 1st July to 31st December, 1878.

Value of Imports ... Yen 16,682,439.66  
" Exports ... 14,560,616.32

Excess of Imports over Exports ... Yen 1,001,823.34

Total amount of Customs' revenue received ... Yen 1,289,843.32

Amount of Gold and Silver Coin and Bullion exported ... Yen 8,052,702.05

do. imported Yen 1,387,161.28

Communication between the central Police Station in Sakakubo, the Prison in Kobe, and the Police stations in Takashimacho and Kanagawa, has already been made complete by means of the Telephone. It is now rumoured that communication, by the same means, is to be extended to the stations on the Bluff Negishi and Matsugasaki.

#### Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)

The *Gazette* of the 1st March contains the condition of tenders for the laying down of the submarine telegraph cable to connect Manila with Hongkong, which tenders were to be closed on the 12th ultimo at Madrid, and the news of the result of which will probably reach here in the *Reina Mercedes*, expected here on the second fortnight of the present month, if not previously announced by a telegram.

The cable, according to the stipulations of the tenders, to be laid from the western coast of Luzon (Cape Bojeador or Cape Bolinao) to Hongkong. The distance from Cape Bojeador to Hongkong taken from

the level of the sea, is 420 miles more or less; and that from Cape Bolinao to Hongkong is 475 miles.

It is trifling to contemplate the mortality which has occurred in the province of Iloilo during the year 1878. The mortality in 1876 was something more than 9,000, and in 1877 it increased to 13,214; but during the year 1878, no less than 29,042 persons died in that province. The cause which tended to increase the death-rate in such a large scale is worthy of some attention from the Government, and immediate steps must be taken to prevent the recurrence of this sad result. Persons with great experience of this province have assured us that there is already indications that the present year will also prove to be a calamitous one, because neither has the last crop turned out so abundant as was expected, nor have the people enough money to support themselves with ease, while at the same time they have not yet quite recovered from the misery caused by the calamity of last year.

The Customs collection during February last at Manila amounted to \$80,185.17, against \$112,974.30 same time last year, being less this year by \$32,789.22.

The value of the merchandise subject to export duty exported during February last from Manila, amounted to \$788,706.

A bull fight was arranged to take place at Cavite on the 9th March, the proceeds of the entertainment being intended for a charitable institution. Rumours say that this entertainment will be followed shortly by another of a similar kind at Manila.

The trade at Iloilo during the latter half of 1878 has been somewhat brisk, as can be seen by the return of duties collected by the Customs at that port, during the above mentioned period:—On Imports, \$5,392.72 was collected; on Exports, \$26,619.71; on Navigation duty, \$4,266.60; Consolation, \$6.40; making a total of \$39,785.43 collected during 1878, as against \$20,643.37 during the corresponding period in 1877.

About 7.30 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday a band of armed thieves entered, a house, in the parish of Jolo, occupied by one Agustina Iguaño, where they succeeded in making away with a large sum of money and over \$1,000 value in jewellery. The Civil Guard of the place on hearing of the attack hastened to the spot, but the robbers resisted and fired on the guards. The officers of the peace returned the compliment in the same manner, and six of the miscreants were brought down, three shot dead and three were severely wounded. A portion of the stolen property was found on the persons of the prisoners.

A riotous attack is said to have been committed by two boats manned by 17 men on seven fishing boats, off Paranaque or Bacoor, on the morning of Friday, between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. The fishermen all escaped with their lives by swimming, save one, who was drowned, having received a cut on the head. The pirates sunk all the fishing boats.

A letter from Sooloo says that on the 9th ultimo, a Moro—one of those fanatics who occasionally run amok—armed with a lance upon the market place, where he killed two infantry soldiers, severely wounding two others, an engineer, and a corporal of the navy belonging to the war schooner *Santa Filomena*, who died from the effects of the wound on being taken on board, without having time to receive medical aid; but the murderer almost immediately paid the penalty with his life at the hands of a seaman belonging to the gunboat *Paragua*. The British barque *Maid of Judah* arrived at Manila on the 8th March from Takow with a general cargo.

The British barque *John Nicholson* left Manila for Quezonland on the 8th March.

The freight steamers at Manila up to the 8th March are as follows:—French barque *Madagascar*, for Cadix to order, 400 tons coffee and 150 tons hemp, at private rates. Br. sq. *Flying Swallow*, for London, 700 tons dry sugar at \$1.10 per ton, and hemp at \$2. Brit. ship *George Thompson*, for London, 900/1000 tons dry sugar, at \$1.10 per ton, and hemp at \$2 a 22.2.6. Brit. ship *Elizabeth Nicholson*, for Liverpool, 850 tons wet sugar at \$1.12.6 per ton, and asks \$2.5 for hemp. British barque *Maid of Judah*, for Sydney, with China sugar, she requires hemp to complete her cargo.

#### Singapore.

The Colonial schooner *Horsburg* is, the *Times* regrets to learn, a complete wreck, little hope being entertained that the efforts which are being made to raise her will be successful. How a schooner, whose captain should be quite cognizant of the existence of all the dangers which threaten vessels around the harbour, should have come to grief on the "Cyrene" Shoal is a mystery; the official inquiry which doubtless will be held into the circumstances of her stranding may probably throw some light on the matter.

The *Pinang Gazette* of the 28th instant gives the following account of the fire in Pinang on the 26th ultimo which destroyed *Sans Souci*:—"The chambers of the inhabitants of Penang were disturbed at about 12.45 a.m. yesterday by the alarming cry of 'fire,' and one required no information as to the direction of the conflagration, for the greater portion of the town was illuminated by the glare from it, so people had only to steer a direct course in the direction of Northam Road to fetch the scene, which turned out to be 'Sans Souci,' the residence of the Manager of the Chartered Bank, and by the time the earliest appeared on the scene it was evident that all hopes of saving the building itself were at an end. How the fire originated can only be conjectured from the fact that, at about 10.30 p.m. on the 26th, some fire-works were let off, viz a fire balloon in front of the house; it floated away hillwards and never approached the roof; a rocket was subsequently let off on the easel of the building, which careered high above one corner of the building. Some droppings from this may have fallen on the building but nothing more over could have reached the roof. About two hours after, however, it was discovered that the North East corner was on fire, and steps were immediately taken to extinguish it by the inmates. Mr. Tennant (one of them) mounting it and endeavouring with the small quantity of water that could be handed up to him from below to check the progress of the flames. This was soon found to be a useless task, the roof being an attic one; the furious element soon took charge and defied all attempts to stay its progress. Mr. Marshall, the Accountant of the Bank, gave the alarm at the nearest Police station, and it is but fair to say that the members of that body were promptly

on the spot with their engines, as also was the Military from the Fort under Lieutenant Moyer and Lyall. We regret we cannot say the same regarding the occupants of the Barracks. Before any of this assistance could have reached, however, all that could be saved out of the building had been got out of it, and burn the structure did thereafter. It went off like so much tinder, and before 2 a.m., the roof, ceiling and top gear was a thing of the past, whilst below the process of demolition was almost completed by 4 a.m. Of course there was a good deal of flickering and smouldering thereafter, and it is still going on. It was fortunate indeed that the outbuildings connected with it were tiled and that the house was a detached one, as otherwise there would have been a fearful conflagration—the neighbouring houses on the town side being mostly thatched for once the Police thoroughly did their duty and the small force of Military that were present deserve great praise for the manner in which they exerted themselves under remarkably disadvantageous circumstances.

#### LOSS OF THE "TAIWAN."

FINING OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Naval Court was held at the British Consulate at Amoy on the 6th and 7th March, to inquire into the circumstances attending the loss of the British steamer *Taiwan*. The Court was composed as follows:—Chal. Alabaster, H.M. Consul; W. M. Carey, Lieut. R.N.; F. J. L. Thomas, Lieut. R.N.; George Simons, master *Inheritance*; Charles Brown, master *Inheritance*; W. de B. Steward, Clerk of the Court. The following is the finding of the Court:—

That the *Taiwan* was lost on the morning of the 14th February on a reef W.N.W. of Bird Island, lat. 23.44 N., long. 119.35 E. That the accident was attributable to the usual set of the current to the Southward in the N.E. monsoon not having been experienced on this occasion, the course having been shaped to allow for this with a slight current to the Northward was afterwards found.

That the master is to blame for not making greater efforts to ascertain his position after nearly running his distance to Fisher Island by use of the patent log.

That further care should have been taken to save the passengers' baggage.

That the heaving of the log on board the *Taiwan* was very slackly attended to.

That the captain made every endeavour to save the ship and cargo after the wreck. The Court reprimands the master and returns him his certificate.

No blame appears to attach to the other officers or crew.

The Court further orders that the Clerk of the Court and the nautical assessors be allowed the usual fees.

H.B.M. Consulate, Amoy, 7th March, 1879.

#### COMMERCIAL.

March 14.

Subsequent to the dispatch of last mail the rates for Bengal Opium stiffened and advanced, by the concentration of the stocks. Upon the receipt, however, of the month's supply lower rates were accepted, and subsequently both descriptions have been dealt in on still easier terms. The bulk of the fortnight's business has been done since the arrival of the steamers. The present quotations are \$975 to \$977½ for Patna, and \$947½ to \$950 for Benares.

The receipts for the month, so far, show an aggregate of 3,761 chests, against 3,974 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval, and notice some 900 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against a similar quantity in the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 2,900 chests, against 4,500 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 1,100 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 30



## Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.  
No. 98.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG RIVER.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, showing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, showing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast-head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,  
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Engineer's Office,  
Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South-east.	North-east.	South-west.	North-west.
10	▲	▲	▲	▲
10½	▲	▲	▲	▲
11	▲	▲	▲	▲
11½	▲	▲	▲	▲
12	▲	▲	▲	▲
12½	▲	▲	▲	▲
13	▲	▲	▲	▲
13½	▲	▲	▲	▲
14	▲	▲	▲	▲
14½	▲	▲	▲	▲
15	▲	▲	▲	▲
15½	▲	▲	▲	▲
16	▲	▲	▲	▲
16½	▲	▲	▲	▲
17	▲	▲	▲	▲

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"Respect This."  
The Army of Kwangtung.  
Gutta Percha in China.  
Chinese Dialects.  
"Confucius Losing a Horse in the Desert."  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF  
MR. F. GROBLIN in our Firm  
CEASES TO-DAY.SANDER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF  
MR. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES ON  
the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is  
admitted a Partner from this date.RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF  
THE Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),  
CREATED from the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debit prior to that date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHOI AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUI,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1879.

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;  
ALSO  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship  
GEORGE, Captain C. FRASER, will leave  
this on SATURDAY, the 16th March, at  
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. McIVER, Superintendent,  
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE.IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING

RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatch-  
ed for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1879,  
at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
DEMENAH, Commandant HERNANDEZ,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 21st March, 1879. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879.

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SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or  
PAPERS will be thankfully received  
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates to  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premiums contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

## Insurance.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Siam and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £150,000  
Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY

OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, have  
this Day taken over charge of the Hong-  
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant  
INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current  
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER &amp; Co.

Hongkong, August 12, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

## Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Flag.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>							
Albay	7	Brit.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Holhow	K'loon Dock
Alice	7	Brit.	314	Mar. 1	Stemmen & Co.	South Sea Island	put back
Amoy	4	Brit.	2652	Feb. 26	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Shanghai	17th, 3 p.m.
Belgio	1	Brit.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Y'ham & S. F'alse	
Bombay	6	Brit.	117	Mar. 11	P. & O. S. S. Co.		Tug Flying
Farang	5	Brit.	1139	Mar. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Europe, &c.	15th, 3 p.m.
Glenelg	5	Brit.	1411	Mar. 10	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Hindustan	5	Brit.	991	Mar. 10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Port Darwin	18th, daylight
Killarney	5	Brit.	1060	Mar. 10	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	
Kwangtung	5	Brit.	675	Mar. 10	Stemmen & Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Malabar	4	Brit.	994	Mar. 10	P. & O. S. S. Co.	Australian Ports	18th, noon
Malacca	4	Brit.	1046	Mar. 10	M. S. N. Co.	Saigon	9th, daylight
Mei-l	4	Brit.	181	Mar. 10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Shanghai	
Menmuir	4	Brit.	206	Mar. 10	Kwok Acheong		
Norwa	4	Brit.	643	Mar. 10	Melchers & Co.		
Pernambuco	4	Brit.	1501	Mar. 10	Butterfield & Swire		
Sarpedon	4	Brit.	48	Mar. 10	W. H. Ray		
Sea Gull	8	Amer.	820	Jan. 9	Douglas Laprak & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	K'loon Dock
Thales	5	Brit.	1271	Mar. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		18th, 3 p.m.
Zephyr	5	Brit.	61	Mar. 7	Russell & Co.		
<b>Sailing Vessels</b>							
Able N. Franklin	7	Amer. bge.	480	Mar. 6	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Alden Bessie	7	Amer. bge.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		
B. P. Watson	7	Amer. bge.	340	Mar. 8	Butterfield & Swire	Bangkok	
Black Hawk	7	Amer. bge.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.	San Francisco	
Catherine Marden	7	Brit. Sm. sh.	287	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	Cleared
Chamara	7	Amer. bge.	1333	Jan. 8	Russell & Co.	Callao	
Christina A. P.	7	Brit. bge.	173	Dec. 2	W. H. Ray		
Chlorum	7	Brit. bge.	1886	Mar. 8	W. H. Ray	Portland (Oregon)	
Cocoon	7	Amer. bge.	188	July 18	Russell & Co.	Takao	
Coloma	7	Amer. bge.	853	Nov. 16	Butterfield & Swire		Sands' Ship
Oralgia Lea	7	Brit. bge.	623	Mar. 8	Wielers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	Ab'deen Dock
Elizabeth Childs	7	Brit. bge.	591	Feb. 28	Melchers & Co.		
Formosa	7	Brit. bge.	282	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		
Forward	7	Brit. bge.	744	Mar. 8	Wielers & Co.		
Friedrich	7	Brit. bge.	688	Mar. 10	Gilman & Co.		Wanchai Pier
Golden Fleec	7	Brit. bge.	1195	Mar. 7	Vogel & Co.		
Golden Rule	7	Brit. bge.	877	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Harold	7	Brit. bge.	673	Jan. 20	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Herbert Black	7	Brit. bge.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.		
Highlander	7	Amer. bge.	1450	Dec. 6	Melchers & Co.	Callao	
Invincible	7	Brit. bge.	849	Feb. 14	Melchers & Co.	Oebu	
James Shepherd	7	Brit. bge.	242	Mar. 8	Wielers & Co.		K'loon Dock
Johann Friedrich	7	Brit. bge.	504	Feb. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Saigon	Ab'deen Dock
Julie	7	Brit. bge.	751	Feb. 17	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Choofoo & Newchwang	
Larga	7	Brit. bge.	472	Jan. 18	Order		
Lota	7	Brit. bge.	388	Mar. 10	Wielers & Co.		